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The Greyhound, Llangunllo



Paul and Doris on their first visit prior to purchase



The old bar



The new bar with a door replacing window



Greyhound Trophies in 1981 and exceptional Rounders Season



Lord & Lady Russell from Bell House, Dolau



The old Snug

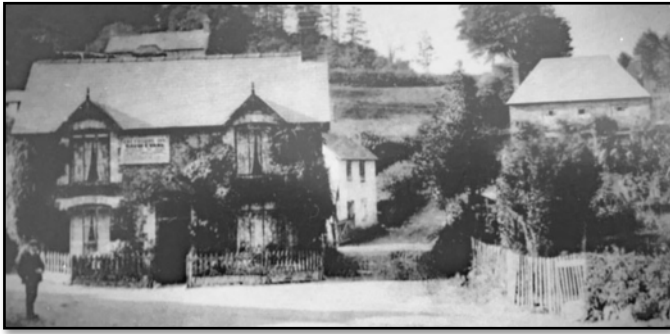


The Snug with fireplace opened up



Paul, Laurie & Todd perform at the 100th Open Mic.
Inset: celebration cake

The Greyhound Inn, Llangunllo



The Greyhound, c 1900, no War Memorial

Every village needs a pub and located in the centre of Llangunllo is **The Greyhound Inn**, which has served the local community for innumerable years.

The present building has seen several additions and improvements over the years. The back part possibly dates from the middle of the 18th century with evidence of timber framing inside and signs of an oversized doorway, suggesting it was once used for animals, perhaps as the village pound. This is now the public bar area and clay tobacco pipes c 1760 have been found.

On the front wall are railway bricks stamped with the words “Westbury St’n – did **The Greyhound** have a face lift around the time the railway came to Llangunllo?

Quite how and why it got its name is not certain. In the 1819 church records, it is entered as “The Inn, Llangunllo”, on the baptism of the daughter of William (Inn Keeper) and Mary Jones.

It was not until the 1851 Census, with Abraham Davies of Llanbadarn as Inn Keeper, that **The Greyhound** was named. Publicans from Beguildy and Nantmel followed and by the beginning of the 20th Century David Evans was in charge.



Mr LA Davies (landlord) and the timber hauliers in the 1920s

By the 1920s, the landlord was Mr L A Davies, seen in the photograph with the timber hauliers stopping for refreshment. The wood was possibly on its way to the village Lugg Valley Saw Mill of Richard Faulkner, general carpenter and wheelwright.

Traditionally the local hunt met in the village centre and enjoyed drinks served by the landlord. The photograph below of the 1926 Meet also includes, in the field behind The Greyhound, the donkey belonging to the West family who kept the village shop.

On the subject of donkeys, Mr Bryant, owner of the pub in the 1940s, apparently came to an untimely death, as while riding his donkey, he fell off and drowned in the gutter -- perhaps he had sampled too much of his own ale!

No account of **The Greyhound** is complete without mention of Bill Matheson, landlord from 1959 to his death, aged 92, in 2006.

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Local hunt in 1926

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Mrs Davies (landlady) astride Fred West's donkey with a bemused Alfred Lloyd from Whimble in the 1920s

Descended from the Lloyd Family of Whimble and Larch Grove, "Bill the pub/Bill the Greyhound", was born and brought up in Manchester, later coming to live in Llangunllo with his wife and family.

During his time as publican, the darts, dominoes and rounders teams were very successful and won numerous competitions (*see photo page 2*).

After the closure of the village shop in 1996, **The Greyhound** housed the Community Shop for a number of years and has also "starred" in the movies with the filming in the village of 'Second Best' (1993) and 'You Should Have Left' (2018).

In January 2009 **The Greyhound** was purchased by the current licensees, Paul and Jake (pronounced 'Jackie'). A lot of work needed to be done to the interior and exterior to get the pub, living space and surroundings back into shape. This included ripping out the old bar. The new, wooden bar, skilfully crafted by the late Paul Northwood, now stands as a lasting legacy to a man who regularly shared a pint there and was such a part of the community in Llangunllo.

Finally, after much hard work and careful renovation, The Greyhound re-opened its doors, once again, in July 2010. It did not take

too long before Open Mic sessions became a regular event, on the first Saturday of each month. It celebrated its 100th anniversary in December 2021.

As well as continuing to host the dominoes team and live bands, Paul and Jake have also held many charitable events over the years, including rounders matches, a pantomime horse grand national and barbecues.

A friendly welcome and fine ales are always on hand and a warming, open fire during the cooler months, greets visitors from near and afar.

Compiled by Debbie Jones and Isabel Morris, with grateful thanks to Paul and Jake, Jackie Lloyd, Andrew Middleton and Henry Morgan re information and photographs.

Ref – "The Pubs of Radnorshire" by Tony Hobbs, Church Records, Census, "History of Llangunllo" by Charles Kightly.

**COME BAG A BARGAIN AT THE
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The Friends of St Cynllo and Llangunllo Village Hall Committee will be running the Charity Shop as a joint Fund raiser for a week and we need your support.

We are now collecting household items, clothing and quality toys and will also be happy to receive items at Llangunllo Village Hall.

Please contact Karen Edgar on 01547 550246 for drop off arrangements.

Dear friends,

Ash Wednesday this year is on the 2nd March. Lent is traditionally a time of preparation as we look towards Easter and is often a time when we 'give things up', often chocolate, wine, cakes or sweets but sometimes something different like watching television. The idea of giving something up for Lent comes from the Christian tradition of Lent being a time of fasting as we remember Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days as well as part of our preparation for Easter.

The season of Lent we see as 40 days, but the period from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve is actually 46 days. This is because there are six Sundays during Lent and in the early Church it was felt to be completely unfitting to fast on a Sunday as it is the day when we come together for worship and join together at the Lord's table celebrating Holy Communion. It is seen as the Lord's Day. So if you are giving up something for Lent, you get six breaks, as the Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday are not part of Lent! So, enjoy!

But I don't want to concentrate on giving things up for Lent, although if you decide to do this you have my admiration and best wishes. I would like to encourage you to think about doing something positive in Lent, taking a task on that always seems to be on the to-do list, but never gets done. Have a think about it. Maybe visiting someone each week during Lent whom you wouldn't normally see, or making a phone call to someone each week whom you haven't spoken to for a while. This can make a huge difference to people who live alone; they may feel forgotten by their community. Another idea: put some time aside each day to read a book and to be still in God's presence. Whatever you decide to take on or give up during Lent, I hope it is a useful time for you to prepare for Easter and all joy that it holds.

God Bless, Rachael

Cover - Symbolic Representation

The cover image is the East window of Cusop Church, a Millenium window by Nicola Hopwood.

The artist has this to say: "From suggestions received from parishioners, the themes chosen were Baptism and Christ in the Community. These themes were explored in a symbolic way through colour and line and linked by text etched in the clear glass at the foot of the window - *'This is my Beloved Son'* from St. Matthew's Gospel. This is a simple, triumphant window, in the east end of a mountain church above Hay on Wye."

The waters of Jesus' baptism are represented by three blue lines below the image. The lines reflect the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The greenery in the churchyard shines through the clear glass.

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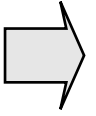
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My Favourite Thing – the Churchyard



My favourite place at St Mary's Gladestry is the churchyard. People I meet often say "Oh, I've got a relative buried in Gladestry Churchyard." Each tombstone holds a lifetime's story, with a beauty for each season.

Winter snows sparkle in the early morning sunshine with a palpable silence; not even birds are stirring. Tombstones push through the snow, determined, resolute, (some very old and slightly wonky), whilst the church building, stationed alongside, towers over all with a reassuring, watchful eye and a timeless presence.

The welcome snowdrops, harbingers of spring, spill over graves, under hedges, and along lanes into gardens. These heralds of hope are quickly followed by dazzlingly colourful crocuses. The daffodils then present a carpet of golden, nodding blooms which lift the spirits on the gloomiest of days. Birds dart about, building nests -- the promise of new life.

At Easter families place wreaths and flowers to, as diarist Francis Kilvert puts it, "flower the graves." In summer tired walkers sit on the churchyard bench to eat their lunch, marvelling at the stunning scenery and the solitude, broken only by the intrusion of a faraway lawnmower or a tractor trundling by.

Autumn, like a slowly burning firework of gold and red and yellow, brings colour and mists. Blackberries hide in nooks and crannies, and line a high churchyard wall.

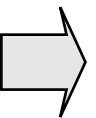
The Quiet Garden, which was once a tennis court in the old Rectory grounds, is now a sheltered garden. Seated there in summer you hear the gurgling brook and in winter its vibrant, aggressive churning.

At Christmas broken fir branches and pine cones, casualties of storms, litter the churchyard. Relatives and friends brave the weather to place holly wreaths on graves and ponder Christmases past. Light from stained glass windows shines on the churchyard during the Carol Concert, beckoning us to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Whatever the season or time of day the variable beauty of the graveyard offers praise and worship to the Lord. The churchyard is a place to sit and remember, to be sad and be thankful, all at the same time and, maybe, even, to forgive. It is a place to thank God for His goodness in the good times and the bad; a place to be comforted and a place to reflect on the value of people, of life and of the beauty all around us.

article and photo by Ann Dean

Pilleth News



The annual start of Christmas, the Wellies and Woolies Concert, was back again this year. The evening was organised by Rev Petra with help from the Radnor Valley Band.

A good number of people enjoyed a programme of readings and carols and items sung by members of Bluesy Wolf, a group led by Petra when she lived in Bleddfa, and others. The audience participated in a rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' by

demonstrating the gifts, which created much fun and laughter.

I would like to thank all those who took part especially the Radnor Valley Band for supporting us again this year.

The evening ended with mulled wine, mince pies and cakes being served. Thanks to all who helped in any way with food, decorating and erecting of the lights which highlighted the Church all through the Christmas period.

Peter Hood

My Favourite Thing



The churchyard at St Mary's, Gladestry in daffodil season



Radnor Valley Band

Pilleth's Wellies and Woolies

Photos by John Goodband and Colin Pugh



Bluesy Wolf

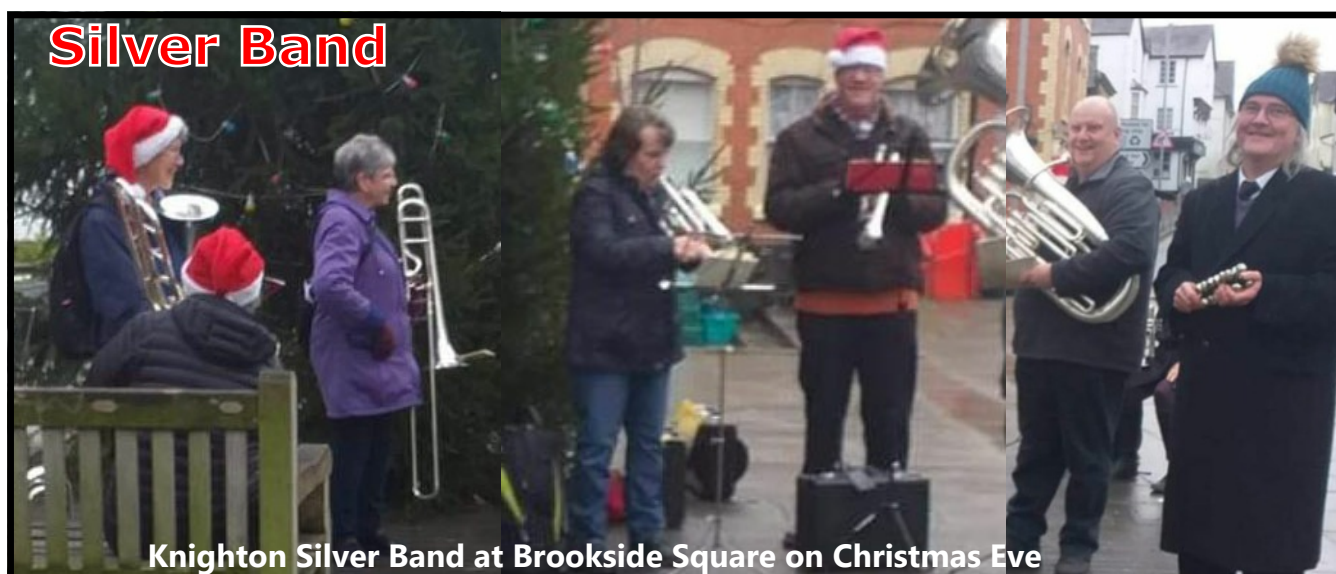


New Radnor Carolling

Because of COVID the 'Follow that Star' Carol service was cancelled at St Mary's, New Radnor. So, instead we went around the village singing carols and listening to the Christmas story visiting those who can't get out so much now. *Photos by Michael Capstick*



Former King's Arms as it is today, seen from the War Memorial



Knighton Silver Band at Brookside Square on Christmas Eve

The King's Arms, New Radnor

The large, ancient building, formerly known as **The Kings Arms**, New Radnor stands on the corner where Church Street meets High Street, opposite the Cenotaph. It ceased to be a hostelry and was divided into two houses in 1955.

The structure has cruck beams in the centre, the oldest part of the building, and stone walls more than a metre in thickness at either end.

Tony Hobbs, author of *"The Pubs of Radnorshire"* wrote that John Griffith was the landlord in 1830; followed by Thomas Powell in 1841 and John Morgan in 1859.



Caroline Meredith

In the 1890s the three New Radnor pubs: **The Radnor Arms**, **The Eagle** and **The Kings Arms** changed hands on the same day. It was at this time that Charles and Caroline Meredith became the Licensees. At that time

properties were owned by the Harpton Estate and it was after the First World War that the Merediths purchased the pub from the Lewis family.

Charles and Caroline had ten children, two of whom, Gilbert and Gertrude (always known to me as "Auntie Gertie") remained unmarried and ran **The Kings Arms** after their parents' death (1911 and 1915 respectively). Gilbert died in 1950, aged 66, and Auntie Gertie in 1954 aged 66.

Auntie Gertie willed The Kings Arms to my parents, Dick and Mary Price, who briefly

took on the license in 1954, which ceased once the conversion commenced in 1955.

The first bed in which Dad slept in New Radnor was at **The Kings Arms** in 1941 when he was on leave from The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and visiting the homes of his parents, who had emigrated from Downton Farm to Ohio in 1902. His mother's home before marriage was Home Farm, Norton, and his father's The Porth, New Radnor. My father met my mum on his auspicious visit to The Porth.

The first bed in which I slept in New Radnor was at **The Kings Arms** in April 1944 when



dad brought mum and me back to Radnor, "for greater safety's sake". We had been living in Mayfield. Kent was a very dangerous place, in the line of fire, at this terrible time.

Dad and many other soldiers were given compassionate leave to deal with family matters before they embarked on the D-Day Landings. He wrote frequent letters from Europe, but we didn't see him again until November 1945.

Since its conversion **The Kings Arms** has been known as 9, Church St and 12, Church St. We feel privileged and blessed to have raised our son and daughter here and continue to abide at Number 12. So far 56+ years.....

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Glyn Griffiths



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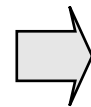
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Happy is the man who finds a
true friend, and far happier is
he who finds that true friend
in his wife.

- Franz Schubert

Advent – Care for Creation



Knighton's Methodist Church was the setting for the Churches Together Advent Service on Sunday 28th November. Devised by Sister Margaret Davis and Geoff Weaver, it comprised music and readings under the title of *Care for Creation*. The fourteen-strong choir was drawn from local churches, with a good balance of sopranos and altos, making for pleasing harmonies.

Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides introduced the service, and the choir sang as an introit *The Truth Sent From Above*, arranged by Vaughan Williams. The congregation was invited to join in the next hymn, *Long Ago, Prophets Knew*. Rebe Brick read a passage from Philippians, which was followed by the first of three modern Advent carols, *God to Adam Came*.

John Bell's meditation, *On the Eighth Day*, was read by members of the choir, with John Davis reading the voice of God. It was a very moving commentary on the mess we have

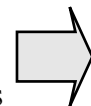
made of God's beautiful creation, each section interspersed with a *Kyrie Eleison* from Ghana.

Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord Is Near was followed by Richard Rohr's meditation, *Laying hands on Mother Earth*, read by Sister Margaret. This encouraged us all to pray for healing for our earth: many small actions can promote a meaningful outcome. Into the darkness of this world was the third modern carol, which ended with the exhortation *O Come, Lord Jesus, Come*.

Prayers led by Sara were for the world, for others and for ourselves, remembering particularly the refugees, for whom there was a retiring collection. The service closed with Jan Berry's hymn *Praise to the God Who Clears the Way*, to the tune *Creator God* by Norman Warren, and the Blessing.

Alison Thomas

Multicultural Knighton



What a day in Knighton on Sunday 28th November when the Powys town celebrated its international links with a varied programme for people of all ages at Knighton Community Centre.

Present were Christians including Reverend Kevin Dare (who chaired the event) and Reverend Petra Goodband, Iman Sohayb Peerbhai from the Mosque in Craven Arms (one of the few rural mosques in the UK),

Baha'i, Jews, Humanists and a Sikh as well as the Knighton and District Refugee Support Group, Knighton Justice and Peace Group, Radnor-Palestine Links and staff from the Community Centre itself and Knighton Library. There were stalls, talks, film about Knighton, craft activities and children's activities as well as many different sorts of delicious food. *Nandita Dowson*

Photos: Julia Llewellyn Roberts

Churches Together Lunch Club

Lunch Club at Knighton Methodist Church
12 noon until 2 pm each Monday.

A welcome awaits those who have been before
and those who would like to join us. Masks
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Thursday Drop-in Eatery

A drop-in lunch of soup, sandwich and a cake is available between midday and 1.30pm each Thursday in the Knighton Comm. It provides residents with social contact. There will still be a home delivery for local residents who cannot physically join in. The service is donation led.

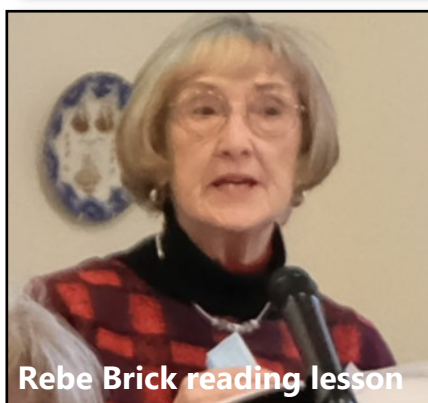
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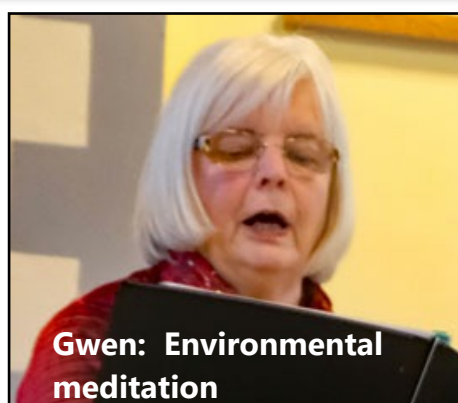
Geoff Weaver



Front row of Ecumenical Choir



Rebe Brick reading lesson



Gwen: Environmental
meditation

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King David and his soldier

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Joseph, Mary and infant Jesus



Eve and Adam



Moses in the bulrushes



Pharaoh, Moses & locusts



The innkeeper

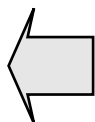


The narrator practices carpentry

Church Colours



Ordinary Time	30 May 2021 – 20 Nov 2021	Green
Christ the King	21 Nov 2021 – 27 Nov 2021	White
Advent	28 Nov 2021 – 24 Dec 2021	Purple
Christmas & Epiphany	25 Dec 2021 – 5 Feb 2022	White or Gold
After Epiphany	6 Feb 2022 – 5 March 2022	Green
Lent	6 March 2022 – 15 April 2022	Purple
Easter tide	16 April 2022 – 4 June 2022	White or Gold
Pentecost	5 June 2022	Red
Ordinary time	6 June 2022 – 19 Nov 2022	Green
Christ the King	20 Nov 2022 – 26 Nov 2022	White
Saints Days	St David – March 1, St Patrick – March 17, St George – April 23, St Andrew – Nov 30	Red



Open the Book

Due to Covid the **Open the Book** team has not been able to go into Knighton School since March 2019. But this year the team has not been idle. We have sent in weekly videos of *Open the Book* (Bible) stories.

We used little figures to tell the stories of Adam and Eve, of Moses, of David and Abigail. But we also donned costumes and acted other stories. Goliath stomped onto our 'stage', David sent his soldier to look for an

escape tunnel, the angel Gabriel whispered into Joseph's ear, and Mary and Joseph made the journey to Bethlehem for the happy birth.

Under normal circumstances we would have included the children in the story telling at a full school assembly, but our second best has been to send in our videos which are shown in each class. We have had a lot of fun!

Open the Book Team

If anyone would like to join us, please contact either Rosemary Hanna or the editor (see page 7

From the 1940s to the Spring of 2019. A Life of Work.

In May 2021 Idris Lloyd reported on past places in Dutlas. Here begins a fascinating series on his life.

Born in Dutlas in 1930 I attended Beguildy School until 1942 and Presteigne County School until 1945.

My grandfather, head of household died in 1937-38. Shortly afterwards my older brother joined the Royal Marines in Plymouth. That left my mother and myself living in Dutlas. We had to keep the garden to produce our own vegetables. My evening and weekend jobs were **cutting lawn grass with shears** and **carrying buckets of water** from the nearest well or from The Runnis and the local stream, many buckets for Monday wash day.

Most Saturdays were spent collecting firewood and sawing it into logs with a handsaw and axe. Later a big asset was a handmade bow saw. Every day I **carried water** and **got coal** for two elderly villagers: Mr. J Davies and his sister Miss Davies. He was the retired village carpenter.

I **walked**, like many other children, **to Beguildy School**. Owen's Motors and Williams and Wooding's buses transported pupils from Knighton to Presteigne. Jack

Evans and Alf Wright drove Owen's bus and Jim Foster drove the Presteigne bus.

I also helped my Uncle at The Runnis with animals, harvesting and potato picking in the seasons.

Sometimes Mr. Bevan of Vedwllwyd employed me to help with the cereal harvest, wheat, barley and oats. One very unpleasant job was **carting hot lime**.

Jack Price of Tynnycefn employed me to **pick potatoes** and go **rabbit catching** with him on local farms. A very tiring job carrying ferret boxes, rabbit nets, spades and the catch of the day.

One summer holiday I worked for Mr. Perkins the chemist in Knighton. I cycled from Dutlas to be at work by 8am. The **first job was to clean and polish shoes** before opening time. I collected shoes from the porch, usually eight pairs, to clean and polish in a shed before returning them to the porch for Mrs. Perkins to inspect, then have to do them again to her satisfaction. A very demanding lady. *(Next month continues with Idris leaving school.)*

Editor's notes: The Runnis was a farm across the Teme. A bridge at Dutlas led to it. See page 31 For Idris report of an ice storm.

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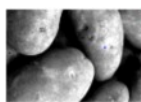
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St Fintan of Clonenagh 17 February

Have you heard of Clonenagh, or St Fintan? These days Clonenagh is a sparsely populated townland, but in the 6th century it was on a chief highway through Ireland. It's not far from Kildare, where St Brigit founded a famous monastery. Fintan who was related to Brigit influenced many of the saints in the Golden Age of Ireland.

He and two companions, who also went on to found monasteries, were students of Colum of Terryglas. They travelled around the area and spent some time in Clonenagh, but so many people came to visit that they moved up on to the mountainside. From there they saw a vision of angels floating over Clonenagh and Fintan was advised to build his monastery there.

He was young and keen and followed a strict rule (like St David of Wales). As well as the usual regime of prayer and study, he didn't allow his community to eat any animal products or use animals for work on the land. This made neighbouring monasteries feel

inadequate, so they sent a delegation. Before they arrived, God had spoken to Fintan through a dumb man that he met, who told him that human nature varied and not everyone could cope with his regime. So Fintan wisely compromised and, while still following the regime himself, allowed others to relax it. One of his disciples was Comgall who went on to found the famous monastery of Bangor, from where many Irish missionaries went out to evangelise Britain and Europe. Clonenagh has not been excavated yet, but there are several mounds and ancient graveyards near the ruins, and 13 cross slabs have been found.

Rosemary Hanna



Clonenagh Monastery ruins

Pilgrim Visitors

On a fine sunny day in early January I was in Gladestry Church to change the altar colours and fit new candles. The task completed I tried to open the heavy wooden door to leave; as I opened the door two visitors were transfixed as they gasped, saying, "It is a miracle the door opening by itself!" They were pilgrims come to take in the delights on offer. After a tour we chatted, and was surprised that they had recently read a

book on Holy Wells. I told them that I had myself organised a pilgrimage to Pembrokeshire and visited St Non's Holy Well. They had been, of course, and to the other sacred places in the area - St David's Cathedral, St Govan's Cave and Ramsey Island. It was fortunate that the church door was not locked and that we can still receive visitors.

Michael Johnson

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

- *Desmond Tutu*

Welsh Words Looking Towards Spring

yn y gwanwyn in spring

daeth y gwanwyn spring is in the air

noson braf o wanwyn a lovely spring evening



Christmas at Whitton

Carol Concert On Sunday 12 Dec the Church broke with tradition and held a Christmas Carol Concert in the afternoon in Whitton Community Centre. We were fortunate to have Knighton Town Silver Band to lead the singing and also to play other Christmas pieces between the seven carols.

We had over 60 people including several families so there was some spirited singing which competed with the band for volume! The singing was rewarded with Christmas Punch and refreshments afterwards, and to show their gratitude donations amounting to £200 were given to support the work of Shelter Cymru. The comments following on were very positive and hopefully we can arrange a similar event next year.

Christmas Day Holy Communion

Although many services around Christmas had been cancelled due to the COVID situation, it was decided to persevere with the service at St. David's, the only one in the Ministry Area that day. It was led by Petra and our organist was George Baker. A congregation of 25 received Communion.

The collection of £130 was donated to Embrace the Middle East Charity.

The Church decorating was left till the last minute, as is the case in Advent, but this year, in case the service was cancelled. Many thanks to all those who came along to decorate the Church, which everyone agreed was outstanding.

Churchyard Tidy Up Just prior to Christmas two people – armed with chainsaws, strimmers and hooks – spent a couple of days cutting back trees that surround and grow in the churchyard. A lot of saplings which had grown up by gravestones in the old part of the Churchyard were removed, and we can see down the river valley from the Church door once again.

There is still more to do as it is surprising how quickly saplings become trees and then trees spread their branches, covering many of the old graves. With less undergrowth it will be lovely to watch the spring bulbs coming through; there are snowdrops, crocuses, wild daffodils and finally bluebells to look forward to in “God’s Acre”.

Colin Pugh

Radnor Palestine Links

The sun shone on the small demonstration that gathered with less than a day's notice in Knighton on Wed 5th Jan. Radnor Palestine Links had heard that a Palestinian hunger striker who had endured over 140 (sips of salt water allowed) had slipped into a coma and his condition was critical, so we gathered to raise our voices for his release from Israeli prison where he has been held with no charge or trial since Oct 2020.

At the last minute we heard that the Israeli authorities had agreed not to renew his

detention so Hisham Abu Hawash had come off his hunger strike and begun the process of recovery.

We are a small group that calls for human rights in Israel/Palestine. We organise a variety of events: last summer a Palestine Festival in Knighton, last month a human rights event in Presteigne with Palestinian speakers on Zoom, and most months a small stall with Palestinian produce and information. More information about the group Radnor Palestine Links on Facebook. - *Nandita Dowson*

Christmas at Whitton



Whitton's Christmas Carol Concert at Community Centre



Ministry Area Christmas Day Service at Whitton Church



Demonstration for Human Rights



Whitton W.I. Coffee Mornings



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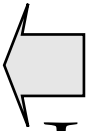
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In December we had just heard of the Omicron variant but, although we had reduced numbers attend the coffee morning, we still met and enjoyed coffee, cake and chat under the Christmas decorations.

It was really disappointing for everyone when we had to cancel the January coffee morning. Hopefully Covid regulations will be lifted and we shall operate again on Tuesday 8th February 10.30 am to noon.

The first Tuesday of the month was starting to become something established in people's diaries. We have received the following feedback from those who have attended:

- *Please keep going. It's a lifeline especially when you are alone.*
- *So happy to meet friends, neighbours and to catch up with VERY GOOD cakes, tea and coffee.*
- *The coffee morning must be good; otherwise people wouldn't come out.*
- *I love the friendly, welcoming atmosphere and the chance to meet and chat with others.*
- *Great for alleviating loneliness, making new friends and catching up with local news.*
- *Its inclusive - all ages are catered for and so good to see the men happy to come too.*
- *Good to meet up with friends and other villagers I never knew before.*
- *It offers individuals a chance to feel less isolated.*

If we can continue to function and grow this project – it will be an asset to our community and prove the well being of individuals. During one session in the autumn, we were able to offer the opportunity to create a slip-ware tile, led by talented artist Lois Hopwood. Clearly there is talent in our midst. *see photos.*

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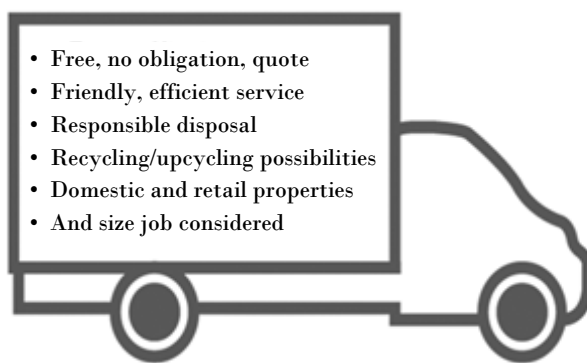


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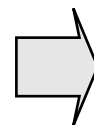
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Tref-y-Clawdd W.I. – We joined the Christmas tree festival at St Edward's church and had fun decorating our W.I. tree with many home-crafted decorations, including miniature sparkling trees, Jerusalem music scrolls, felt decorations, cardboard lanterns and tiny pots of jam etc. We were very pleased with our contribution and the whole array of trees was lovely to see.

The evening before, we tried our hand at making giant 3D snowflakes – whilst also sampling an assortment of canapés and

Christmas fare. The secret Santa was also well received with each member receiving a little gift to enjoy. Our Christmas meal with our partners is yet to come and we have planned a celebration meal locally.

Next year's programme is now sorted and we have a wide variety of exciting planned events

New members are always welcome. We meet at 7pm in St Edward's church hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Dorothy 01547 528692 for further details.

Dorothy Symonds

Gladestry W.I.

Over the past few months we have been having informal luncheons. In November at the Lakeside Café in Llandrindod Wells, and in December we had a lovely Christmas lunch at our local pub in Gladestry, the Royal Oak.

All being well we plan on starting up our W.I. once again in April. We are working on our programme of activities, including guest speakers and local places of interest to visit.

We are actively seeking new members who would like to be part of one of the largest women's groups in the UK, with over 250,000 voices.

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Whitton W.I.

In December we were more than pleased to have a demonstration and tasting of making chocolates. Not only delicious but well-timed and something we can try anytime of the year.

In January we felt honoured to have Editor of The Radnor, Laura Woodside-Jones, visit our meeting. Her illustrated talk, was very interesting and entertaining, as we learnt about her background and career which led her to our corner of the universe. We had previously noted how lucky the area of the East Radnor Ministry was to have such a polished and professional publication but now Whitton W.I. members all know why.

What a pity that, just as we had finalised our plans for 2022, the Omicron variant rose up. We are nevertheless hopeful that we can continue as we socially distance for meetings and plan several outside activities. On February 1st we are hoping that Sorcha Lewis will agree to talk on *Farming with Nature in the Elan Valley* and on March 1st Rosamund Black will be able to host us in the Museum to talk about *Traditional Welsh Quilting*.

Non-members are welcome to attend our meetings for a small contribution. For details please contact our Secretary, 01547 560350.

Hilary Naylor



Tref-y-Clawdd W.I.



Petra with Dorothy and Tina by the W.I. Tree

Right: Jean and Jane making paper creations



Whitton W.I. - Chocs



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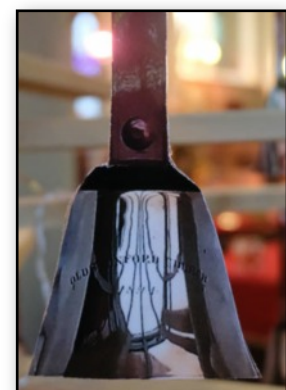


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Ice Storm, Winter 1939-1940

One morning we were awakened by the noise of cracks and crashes outside at The Dutlas. We washed and dressed and went out to find everything was covered in ice. It was like everything was made of crystal. The telephone wires were coated in ice and were nearly touching the ground. Some telegraph poles were broken off, the wires broken and lying in the roadway like glass rods approximately two inches in diameter. The roads were covered in ice, as the rain had fallen it immediately froze, giving the highway a two inch thick coating of ice, plus the appearance of large pimples of ice.

Trees, hedges, fences and gates all looked like they were made of glass. Many branches were breaking, sounding like guns going off and crashing to the ground while low branches were bent and frozen to the ground. The

highway was blocked by broken branches, fallen trees, telegraph poles and wires. Later an SW Brisbane's lorry came along driven by Bill Jones from Knighton with a gang of men including, I think, Mr. Frank Lewis and Jeff Hammond, County Council workmen armed with axes and saws clearing the roadway. We had a good supply of firewood that winter.

Idris Lloyd – page 17 for Idris's early life in Dutlas



An ice storm in Quebec 1998, *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

Recipe: Roasted Roots and Sage Soup

Take comfort on cold days with a warming bowl of soup.

Ingredients

- 1 parsnip, peeled and chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 300g turnip, swede or celeriac, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, skin left on
- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil, plus ½ tsp
- 1 tsp maple syrup or golden syrup
- ¼ small bunch of sage, leaves picked, 4 whole, the rest finely chopped
- 750ml vegetable stock
- grating of nutmeg
- 1½ tbsp fat-free yogurt

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/gas 6. Toss the root vegetables and garlic with 1 tbsp oil and season. Tip onto a baking tray and roast for 30 mins until tender. Toss with the maple syrup and the chopped sage, then roast for another 10 mins until golden and glazed. Brush the whole sage leaves with ½ tsp oil and add to the baking tray in the last 3-4 mins to crisp up, then remove and set aside.
2. Scrape the vegetables into a pan, squeeze the garlic out of the skins, discarding the papery shells, and add with the stock, then blend with a stick blender until very smooth and creamy. Bring to a simmer and season with salt, pepper and nutmeg.
3. Divide between bowls. Serve with a swirl of yogurt and the crispy sage leaves.



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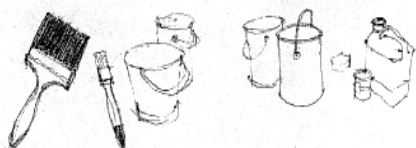
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Flora

Amongst the Christmas cards there have been the usual flow of garden and seed catalogues giving lists of new seeds, plants and the latest garden design, encouraging us to plan and place orders early in the year.

February is the ideal time when the days are short and the weather somewhat dismal, to make note of improvements for when the weather warms. Despite windy conditions there are still a lot of lovely plants: winter jasmine, hellebores in shades of mauve, pale pink, lime green and cream; golden witch hazel; acid yellow mahonia; and variegated shrubs with red berries.

Every year I mention the thrill of finding the first snowdrops. No flower brings greater pleasure than this humble plant. Stories connect the snowdrop with the Virgin Mary and the gentle St Francis who blessed

snowdrops because they brought hope in dark and dreary days. Another story mentions snowdrops in the Garden of Eden – peaceful paradise (no weeds or snails). February 2nd is ‘Candlemas’ when the first snowdrop should appear in the garden; however, new varieties now appear in January.

February is a hopeful month dedicated to St. Valentine, this celebration takes us back to Rome and the earliest days of Christianity. The most popular gift for February 14th is flowers, in particular the red rose, which has become a powerful symbol of love and affection. The Welsh romantics celebrate the Patron Saint of Lovers, St. Dwynwen, on January 25th by sending cards featuring the daffodil. The tradition dates back to the 5th century. All the best for 2022 with your garden plans.
Jean Price.

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Lost and Found

A small blue purse was found either in the churchyard or on the road by St David's Heyope before Christmas. If you are the owner, would you contact the editor, please?

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.
- Martin Luther King Jr

Christmas In Llangunllo

Due to the ongoing Covid situation, not all planned events took place; nevertheless, the community came together to celebrate Christmas 2021 with “Light Up Llangunllo” and on Sunday 19th December with “Carols Round the Christmas Tree.”

Light Up Llangunllo

Llangunllo was awash with bright lights and colour, throughout December and into the New Year, as residents joined in with, what is becoming an annual Christmas tradition to “Light-Up Llangunllo!”

The event started in earnest, last year, to spread some positivity during the shadow of Covid, but even more households contributed or added to their delightful displays during the start of the festive season in 2021. A party of willing volunteers also gathered in the centre of the village to dress the Christmas tree and its surroundings, with strings of bright lights. Although the pandemic still lingers, the lovely comments passed on by many, will, hopefully, mean the “Light-Up” event will become a regular feature, spreading joy to all who live, visit or pass through the village.

Debbie Jones

Christmas Star at Llangunllo

See page 36 for photos. Ryan Davies discovered in his photos that Llangunllo was blessed. A

Christmas star was shining over the community at “Carols Round the Tree”!

What had started as a traditional carol sing at the tree by the War Memorial morphed into a Christmas service. The rise of Covid cases meant that holding a Family Service inside St Cynllo’s was no longer wise.

But not to be deterred, the wardens – Pam and Isabel – decided to combine that service with the carol sing organised by the ‘Friends’. Being outside, it was SAFE. And it was a delight. Charles Kightley led the event with Trevor and Debbie and Paul leading on guitars.

A good crowd, including many families, spread around the village centre to sing carols and enjoy seasonal refreshments safely. Isabel, mastering the ‘he-haw,’ gamely read a poem by the donkey who moaned about a baby in his dinner. The children put on shepherd and king costumes in the dark and played out the Christmas story as Pam read a poetic version of the baby in the manger.

Trevor Head played a haunting version of “Walking in the Air” on trombone and the musicians finished the evening by leading us in popular tunes like *Frosty the Snowman*. We finished with *White Christmas*. Maybe a few tears were seen by that Christmas Star.

Laura W-J

Llangunllo Baptism

The Baptism of Georgina Pugh filled Llangunllo Church with friends, family and well-wishers. Revd Rachael officiated, and it looks like the family really understood her Kit Kat message:

K – Keeping the Commandments

A – Always loving God, who is at the centre

T – Trinity (Father Son and Holy Spirit)

See page 36 for photo.

Light Up Llangunllo

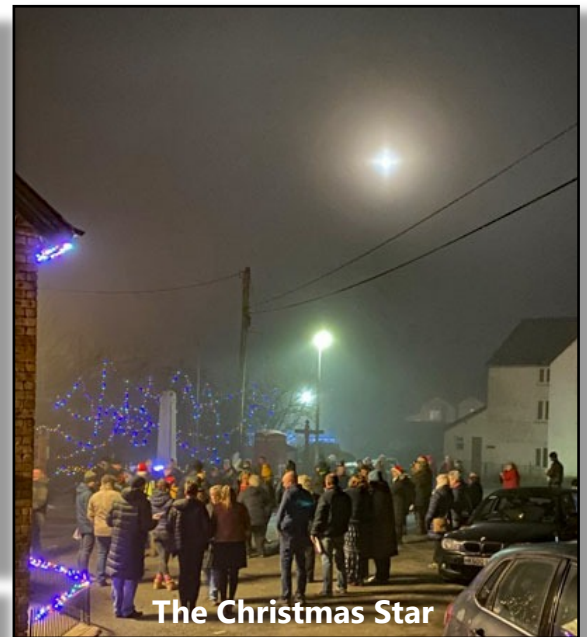


Photos by Debbie Jones



Photos by Sue Thornton

Llangunllo Carols Round the Tree



The Christmas Star



Llangunllo Baptism

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
- 1 Corinthians

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Melanie and Matt Pugh, grandparents Chris and David Pugh

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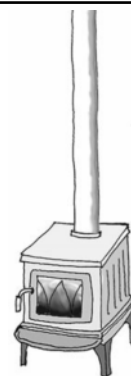
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St Edward's Church News

Christmas Coffee Morning This was a most enjoyable get-together with a profit of £352 for church funds. Thank you all who continue to support our events, special thanks to all who are so generous with their contributions for us to sell and those who give of their time cooking goodies for us to sell.

We are grateful to Derick Price for preparing the hall and clearing away, also David Minton and Jim Morris for their help. Competition Winners were P Shaw, D Richards, J Morris, J Price, J Ruff, R Johnson, R Morris, S Jones, P Parker, J Jones and D Bowen. Annual Christmas Draw (December 4th) J Goodband, I Tom, L Heakin, M Cadell, L Porter, P Parker, H Howcroft, L George, B Caine, I Greaves, J Dyke (2), M Brick, N Conway and Max Brick. A huge thanks to all who provided lovely Christmas gifts for the draw and helped sell the draw tickets.

Christmas Tree Festival We have received many calls and messages expressing pleasure at seeing so many trees all tastefully decorated. Thank you to all who brought along trees including an Ecko Friendly Wooden Tree from the school children (*see page 30*). The Church was illuminated all over the Christmas period by Mike Conway; our thanks to him. We too have had many lovely messages from people who have enjoyed seeing St Edward's lit up at night to add to the wonderful display in the town. Congratulations to the Town Council and all who helped provide a wonderful Christmas atmosphere in our town.

St Edward's News A huge thank you to Laura Woodside-Jones and Simon Gill for refurbishing our large notice board. Giving lots of information for members and visitors with photographs and details of each Church in our benefice. We appreciate all the good work done by our many volunteers.

Family News In our prayers please remember all who are in need, unwell, in hospital recovering from surgery, awaiting results and many anxious with Covid spreading in our town. Our thoughts are with all mourning the loss of loved ones including the family of Dot Wilson who passed away on 21st October aged 87 years. Her funeral took place on 17th November in St. Edward's Church conducted by Rev Petra Goodband and attended by many family members and neighbours. Following the service she was laid to rest in the new cemetery. We also remember Elaine Jones and family on the loss of Val (Smith) much loved mother and grandmother. A private service took place at Hereford Crematorium. Rest in peace Val. Both ladies were supporters of our church, always providing generous gifts for our monthly sales to boost funds for St. Edward's.

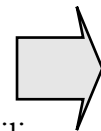
Coffee Morning We hope to hold one of our social events on 19th February in the Church Hall at 10.30am to include stalls, books, bric-a-brac, cakes, produce and competitions. All welcome. If you have items to donate please bring them along or ring 528260, Jean Price, who will arrange collection.

Jean Price

You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming.

- Pablo Neruda

Knucklas Carolling



Revd Gareth Davidson with three other members of the Knighton Silver Band led carollers around Knucklas. A lovely

evening brought an assortment of families, children on bikes, his Baptist congregation and the rest of us to sing favourite carols.

Where would we be without Brian Paul

When going around Knighton it is noticeable that the streets are tidy. For many years this has been down to Brian Paul. He can be seen walking around with his truck



and tools to clean and tidy. He is often joined by Jonathon Hadley who is employed to assist.

Brian came here in the 1960s from Shrewsbury due to his father's work with the then GPO down at the bottom of Mill Green.

Brian attended the primary and secondary schools in Knighton. On leaving school he took on his first job in the stores at Burgess the tractor and agriculture company, where Tuffins (Co-Op) is now. He earned £3/16s per week.

Brian moved on to work at JP Woods. He enjoyed his work there but when a job came up in the Tyre Factory he took it as it required less travelling for him and allowed him to be home by 5pm. JP Woods did not want him to go but their loss was the Tyre Factory's gain until Brian was made redundant.

His next job was at Bensons where he was employed on the counter. Unfortunately, he was again made redundant but soon found employment with Powys County Council on the dustcarts. He was a relief worker until his

colleague Foxy was invalided out and Brian took over. Eventually Foxy came back and Brian found himself looking for work again. He ended up back at Bensons; he remembers the foreman Bob Jones of Rockes Meadow

Brian has been in his current job for five years now. He starts early in the morning loading up his truck for the day's work. He cleans the streets one area at a time and it can take a week to ten days to get around them all, then he's back to the beginning again. He also carries out some jobs that are not in his remit, such as clearing gutters, but he feels guilty if he leaves them undone.

He started cutting the grass in St Edward's churchyard taking over from Arthur Watts. He mows the grass throughout the season.

In 2019 Brian was feeling considerable discomfort awaiting hip replacements. During this time a group of community workers took over work in the churchyard and Brian was, by his own admission, 'gobsmacked' when he saw what they had done. Brian had his hip operation towards the end of 2019, and after a period of rest, returned to work. Recently a group of volunteers including Brian has carried out much needed work in the churchyard. Brian's considerable experience and expertise has proved invaluable to the group.

Brian has no plan to retire yet. He will keep cleaning Knighton and playing bowls, which is one of his favourite past times.

We would like to thank Brian for all he does for the people of Knighton. *John & Petra*

Knucklas Carolling



Knucklas Christmas Fair



Petra arrived with Bob, the snail

Heyope/Knucklas Carols



The nativity



Hannah Lewis reading a poem



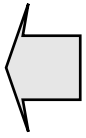
Matthew and daughter lighting the Advent candle



Lighting the Advent candle



Left: Philippa Davidson. Above: half the Llanfair Singers



Heyope/Knucklas Carols Bringing Light

St David's Heyope and Knucklas Chapel shared a 'Carols and Readings' service led by Revd Rachael – fortunately the week before the more stringent rules applied.

St David's set the scene with lights for the "Light of the world" and evergreens and flowers proclaiming creation. Revd Kevin Dare led us in serious prayer where we each brought one person or place to God's light. Revd Gareth Davidson read the powerful John 1 "*In the beginning was the Word*" so that we heard and felt the presence of "*God with us*".

The Llanfair Singers under the direction of Graham Trew added sparkle with *Ding Dong Merrily on High* and the surprise of a completely different version of *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*. The organist, Judy North, along

with the choir, provided oomph to our masked singing, to fill the church with music.

Members of the congregation read the biblical Christmas story and varied poems. We were particularly charmed by young Amelia who had memorised her poem. The poetry reflected our Christmas traditions around trees and donkeys, and wintry nights. Fitting these uncertain Covid times, some had a dark side, but always with a glimmer of light from the babe of Bethlehem.

We were pleased to offer seasonal refreshments – mince pies, stolen, mulled wine – round off a Sunday afternoon awaiting the celebration of Christ's birth.

Laura W-J

We are born in an open field and we die in a dark wood. - Russian Proverb

Knucklas Notes for Feb. 2022

As we approach the latter part of the winter, there is much to reflect upon: - how we can learn to 'live with' the Covid virus, and cope with quite steeply rising prices along with shortages of so many goods, materials, tradespeople etc. Yet we are still 'here' and enjoy a better standard of living, with more freedoms and opportunities, than in most other parts of the world.

As well as the several planned local events for later in the year, we have the Birmingham-based Commonwealth Games, the most major of a number of inspiring prospects for later in the year

Living in Knucklas we have quite a thriving community and it is an increasingly attractive place to live in or to visit. But there is also a considerable amount of suffering due to ill

health, loneliness, broken relationships and bereavement. The many caring neighbours in all parts of the village certainly help to bring light to some dark places.

Very best wishes to Brian Bennett of Heyope Road as he moves into full-time care.

The passing of Haydn Evans, so soon after his late mother, has been another blow – all sympathies to Vanessa, his widow.

A further loss to the village has been the departure of Alan and Aprile and Gillie Wicks from 'The Larches'. But a warm welcome to Angela Zelter and Camilla Saunders, from Knighton, who are settling in there; also to Judy and Max, back from Swansea to establish their home in Castle Green.

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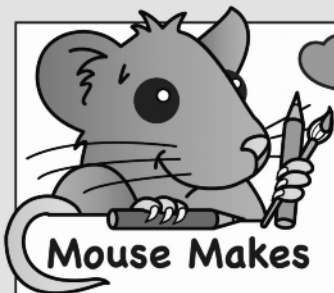
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Psalm 86:1

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Matthew 22:37

How did God show He **loved** us?
Read 1 John 4:9

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Love is ..
Read 1 Cor 13:4-7

_____ is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in _____, and _____ lives in them.
1 John 4:16

Love your _____
_____ the same as you love _____
Matthew 22:39

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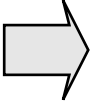
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2. Donating funds towards their Christmas Dinner programme at the Black Sheep Café.
3. Donating money towards Christmas Meals for 44 members of the E Radnor Day Centre.

4. Donating funds for 45 Christmas meals on December 20th at the Churches Together pensioners lunch in Knighton. President Margaret presented Sister Margaret Davis with a cheque for £250 to help fund the Christmas celebrations.

5. Supporting the making of 36 Christmas cakes, organised by Rotary member Chris Ruby, for the outreach branch of the East Radnor Day Centre, to be delivered on Christmas Day.

6. With each meal we included a Christmas card from Rotary Club from a pastel painting by member Ivan Jones. *Cathy Jones*

Gladestry 49 Club

To update our patrons on the all important winners in recent months. The weekly winners over the three months to the end of December were: Chris Smedley, Elizabeth Lythall, Stuart Maddy, Michael Johnson,

Margaret Maddy, Michael Johnson, Norman Evans, rollover, Nigel Pinches, Jessica Middleton, Steve Ward and rollover.

Wishing our supporters a happy and prosperous New Year. *Michael Johnson*

Felindre W.I.

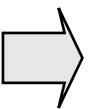
Local Artist and W.I. member Kath Horn hosted a painting afternoon in her Art Studio in November for Felindre W.I.

Members had great fun doing an acrylic painting of daisies, poppies and a bee on canvas, managing to get themselves not too covered in paint in the process and although all members said they had no artistic talent, they each successfully completed their picture.

The event was followed by the Felindre W.I. AGM 2021, with all officers and members agreeing to continue in their current posts. President Jayne Harris summarised the activities undertaken since July and all agreed that the events had been very enjoyable and

that it was lovely to be able to get together again after the long lockdown. Treasurer Rhona Barnett reported that Felindre W.I. remains in good financial health, despite the reduced number of members.

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Felindre's next event was a snack lunch and practical braid-making session run by Maggie Flanders in the Radnorshire Arms, Beguildy on Wednesday 15th December. New members are always welcome – contact Jayne on 01547 510644.

For information on Kath Horn's painting classes, contact her on 01547 510225.

Maggie Flanders, Photo courtesy of Kath Horn



President Margaret Thorpe presenting £250 to Sister Margaret Davies at the Lunch Club

Rotary Club



President Margaret Thorpe and Helen Anderson with food parcels

Norton Outdoor Carols



Aconites in January - harbingers of snowdrops

Felindre W.I.



Felindre W.I. holding their paintings



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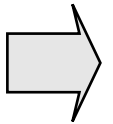
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Teme Valley Gardeners' Club



Our gardening club is held at Knucklas Community Centre on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

Just as we thought things were looking good for clubs . . . COVID strikes again! The gardeners' club has been able to hold two meetings this year. The first talk was by Val Brown, a local gardener from Whitton, on the construction and maintenance of her Japanese styled garden, **Tranquillity Haven** – an impressive undertaking. The illustrations were lovely and the descriptions and planting choices most informative. This garden is open

under the NGS for those who may be interested.

The second speaker was Karen Duggan, a local florist, who did a demonstration and showed how to construct a Christmas wreath and also a Christmas table arrangement. The table decoration was raffled off and won by Robert Forbath.

We also hosted a Christmas lunch at the Community Centre, which proved to be most enjoyable. The club has a full programme for 2022, COVID dependent.

Sally Sabingoꝝ (Secretary)

SOUTH WALES ECHO.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1897.

BITING A MAN'S FINGER OFF.

At the Knighton Police Court yesterday Wm. Button, Bleddfa labourer, was brought up on a warrant charged with assaulting John Simons at Bleddfa on the 8th December. From the evidence of Simons it appeared that both men were in the inn at Bleddfa in the afternoon when Button commenced to strike Simons. They both came to the ground, when prisoner bit Simon's finger off. Button denied biting, saying that Simons bit him on the face and tried to get his eye out and break his jaw when on the ground. A witness stated that she saw the men struggling together, and that Simons bit Button on the cheek when standing up. Medical evidence was given as to the injury. As prisoner had been previously convicted of a serious assault, by which he injured a constable for life, the magistrates considered defendant guilty, while they did not think Simons free from blame. They considered it a very brutal and cowardly assault and fined defendant £2 and costs, and the doctor's fee, the whole amounting to £4 1s; in default, one month's imprisonment.

The Hundred House Inn - Bleddfa

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TALGARTH MAN'S THEFT AT KNIGHTON.

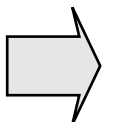
At Knighton William Morris, mason. Talgarth, was charged with stealing 19s. 6d. and 5oz. of tobacco from the till of the Hundred House Inn at Bleddfa. William Williams, landlord of the inn, stated that when his wife went downstairs early on the 7th inst. she found the lamp in the bar smashed. She examined the till, where she had left the previous day's takings, and found it empty. Several men who were engaged in the restoration of the church were lodging in the house, and among them the prisoner William Morris, who had returned there from Talgarth on the previous evening. Morris afterwards confessed to taking the money.—The landlord said the till was locked, but the key was hanging on a nail beside it. —Prisoner was sent to Hereford Gaol for one month with hard labour.

Thank you to Nicola Payne for finding these news items about Bleddfa's errant past.

Haydn Evans - Aged 55

As we said goodbye to Haydn Evans at St David's, Heyope, friends reminisced about his love for trucks and the animal kingdom. This flower image of a truck covered the entire top of the coffin and this

charming image of Buddy, also made of flowers, stood at the foot of the coffin staring out at the congregation.



Teme Valley Gardeners' Club



Members enjoy our Christmas lunch.



Robert Forbath with Karen Duggan and the arrangement he won.

Tranquillity Haven



Decked out in fairy lights for NGS



Goats re-cycling Gladestry's Christmas Tree

Haydn Evans Funeral Flowers



Llangunllo W.I.



Some members getting ready for our visitors, with goodies to go with coffee or tea.



Sharing news and catching up over a coffee; a good old laugh goes a long way too.



Christmas Lunch at The Baron *photos by Anne Newton*

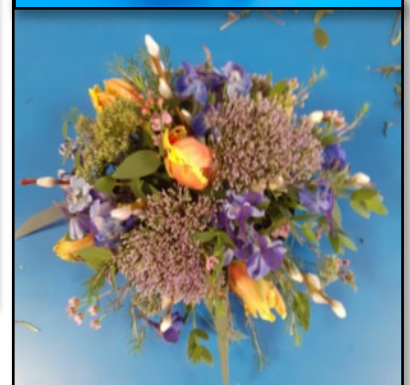


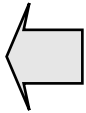
Hoping to welcome our community again when we restart coffee mornings in 2022.

Stowe and Stanage W.I.



photos by Alison Thomas





Llangunllo W.I. News



We welcomed our community to a pre Christmas coffee, cake and chat morning, not in our usual venue as work continues on our village hall, but in our church instead. It was a busy morning, as people popped in and out, but gave us all a short break from planning for Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Celebrations at the Baron This year our members were able to gather for an excellent meal at the Baron in Bucknell. It was

the first social event planned by the new president and secretary, and was a lovely evening where new members joined existing ones for the first time. It was so nice to be able to enjoy each other's company after such an unpredictable and wearisome year. Whilst Zoom, garden meetings, and visits, (frequently re-arranged with restrictions and lockdowns) kept us all going over 2021, there is nothing quite like enjoying a meal with a glass of wine together, oh and being able to dress up a bit.

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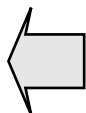
Thursday Feb 10

Presteigne Memorial Hall, 7.30

A talk about the management of deer and grey squirrels by a speaker from the British Association for Shooting and Conservation

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Or Chatterbrook Secretary - 01544 267245



Stowe & Stanage W.I.

Seventeen members enjoyed a festive lunch in December at The Lion in Leintwardine. Crackers were pulled and paper hats donned, while jokes were read out!

Plans for our centenary celebrations are moving on with a special afternoon tea at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells booked for May. Our technical wizard, Ann, has great plans for putting together our scrapbook of memories and photos.

For our January meeting we met at the Knucklas Community Centre and enjoyed a flower demonstration by Tanith of the Flower Box, Knighton. She showed us how to

prepare a tied bouquet and a table decoration, with a selection of beautiful flowers and foliage, as you can see from the photos. Afterwards we had delicious cakes and tea provided by Petra of the Knucklas Centre. It was good to meet up again and exchange news of Christmas celebrations and to look forward, hopefully, to a full year of meetings.

On 1st February Paul Newman will demonstrate Tai Chi at our meeting in the Reynolds Room of Knighton Community Centre at 2.30pm. Do join us. Alison Thomas 01547 528678 or alithomas1@gmail.com

Alison Thomas

New Radnor Group of Churches Notices

If you would like Rev Rachael to come and see you at home, either for a pastoral visit or home communion, please call her on 01544 350760.

Mid-week Holy Communion: The service held on the second Wednesday of the month in New Radnor at 10am will recommence on March 9th at the new venue of The Rectory, School Lane, New Radnor. This may be subject to change with COVID regulations. Please contact Reverend Rachael for updates, thank you.

Lent: Lent commences on the 2nd March with Ash Wednesday this year. There will be a group Ashing Service at 6.30pm in St Mary's New Radnor. Everyone welcome.

Our **Lent Course 2022** starts Wednesday 16th March at The Rectory at 10am. A warm welcome to everyone, come and explore your faith and grow in the love of God through the Lenten season in an informal relaxed setting.

Churchyard: Please note as from the 1st March any plastic flowers will be removed from the churchyard and can be collected from the church porch.

This is in line with the Church in Wales regulations, 'Maintenance of Churchyards paragraph 17'. Save for silk flowers and Remembrance Day poppies, no artificial wreaths or flowers are to be placed on a grave in the churchyard.

Bulbs & small perennial plants are permitted to be planted on the grave, but not large shrubs or trees. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Reverend Rachael Storer or your local church warden, thank you.

If you wish to bury your loved one's ashes in an existing grave in any of the New Radnor Group of churches, please contact Reverend Rachael to discuss this, thank you.

Revd Rachael

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Wed 2	Tref-y-Clawdd WI, St Ed's Hall, 7pm
Tue 8	Whitton Coffee Morning, 10-.30-12 Community Hall Creative Writing, Knighton Comm 11-1pm
Wed 9	Communion, New Radnor Rectory, 10am Walton Hall Jigsaw swap 10-1pm Floral Arts,, Presteigne Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Thur 10	Chatterbrook W.I. Presteigne Memorial Hall 7.30
Sat 12	Supper at the Hub, N.R.
Mon 14	Teme Valley Gardening, Knucklas Comm 7.30pm
Tue 15	Hearing Aid Clinic, Knighton, 10-1
Wed 16	N.R. Children's Playground AGM 7.30 Comm Centre
Sat 19 +	Llangunllo Charity Shop at Llandrindod (Feb 19-26) Coffee Morning, St Ed's Hall, 10.30
Mon 21 +	Fairtrade Fortnight (21 Feb – 6 March)
Sun 27	Messy Church, Knucklas Comm 4pm
March 2, Wed	Ash Wed service at St Mary's, New Radnor, 6.30pm
March 16, Wed	Lent Course begins at N.R. Rectory, 10am



Our Ministry Area hosts a Zoom Service every Sunday at 6pm. If you haven't joined zoom before contact Revds Petra or Rachael for the link.

Join Whitton and Heyope for a
St David's Day Celebration
with former Archbishop John Davies
Sunday, 27 February

11am

Whitton Community Centre
(Welshcakes and tea)



A Prayer for Candlemas - Feb 2

Today we celebrate the feast of Candlemas by blessing church candles.

The wax in our candles is the humming summer's work of countless bees.

When our own humdrum daily work is done for love of You, it will shine brightly before You for all eternity.

Candles at Communion and at the bedside of the sick are a symbol of Yourself, the Light shining in the darkness of this world.

Help us to live in that Light, to make it our own, and to kindle it in the souls of others that we all may dwell in heaven, the city of eternal light.
- Amen.

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Bleddfa	SO 206683	LD7 1PA
Heyope	SO 239745	LD7 1PY
Llangunllo	SO 211712	LD7 1SW
Knighton	SO 287724	LD7 1AG
Norton	SO 304672	LD8 2EY
Whitton	SO 270673	LD7 1AG
Pilleth	SO 256682	LD7 1NP
Cascob	SO 239664	LD8 2NT
N Radnor	SO 210609	LD8 2SS
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11 January, Phyllis Guest 98, St Edward's Knighton

22 January, Mary Hughes funeral and internment in the churchyard at St Mary's, Gladestry.

24 January, Enid Brown, St Edward's Knighton

25 January, Edith Jones 77, St David's Whitton

Wedding

4 December, Aaron and Georgia Powell, St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Nant Melan.

22 January, Sian Mills and Jeffrey Cottle, St Michael's Cascob.

Baptist Sunday Worship - February

- 6 Norton Street, 11am, Communion
Knucklas Chapel, 6pm
- 13 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service
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- 27 Norton Street, 11am, Morning Service
Knucklas Comm, Messy Church 4pm

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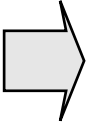
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- 6 Rev Neil Richardson - Communion
- 13 Deacon Sara Windsor-Hides
- 20 Rev Roger Hides
- 27 Viivienne Thomas

Colva Christmas



Saint David's was beautifully decorated for the service and we thank everyone who participated including the children who assisted with the lighting of the advent candles. Also to those who provided the festive refreshments. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the willing band of volunteers who work throughout the year to keep the church maintained and provide and arrange flowers for the services and assist in any way.

Croeso – Welcome – Please come and join the service to celebrate St David with readings and 'Welsh' hymn tunes. Sunday 6th March 2.30.

Ros Tarrant

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.

- Meister Eckhart

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February 2022	6 Feb 4th Sun before <i>Lent - Green</i>	13 Feb 3rd Sun before <i>Lent - Green</i>	20 Feb 2nd Sun before <i>Lent - Green</i>	27 Feb Transfiguration [St David] - <i>Green</i>
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Beacon Hill	Beguildy <i>St Michael</i>	No Service	11am Morning Worship	<div>11am</div> <div>Celebration of St David's Day at Whitton Community Hall with former Archbishop John Davies.</div> <div><i>All Welcome</i></div>
	Bleddfa <i>Mary Magdalene</i>	7.30pm Compline	No Service	
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	Llan'! N M <i>St Michael</i>	No Service	No Service	
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